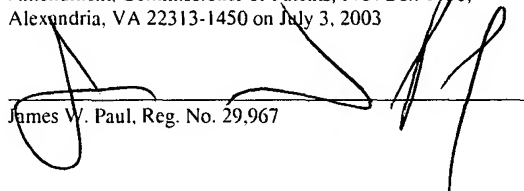


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 3, 2003

  
James W. Paul, Reg. No. 29,967

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

MARK C. CARTER

Serial No.

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: ERECTABLE CANOPY WITH  
REINFORCED ROOF STRUCTURE

Prior Examiner: Winnie S. Yip

Prior Group Art Unit: 3637

Client ID/Matter No. EZUP:64972

Date: July 3, 2003

EXPRESS MAIL # EV 327059572 US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continuation Application being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), based upon Serial No. 10/214,699 filed August 8, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/624,821 filed July 25, 2000, now Patent No. 6,470,902, which is a continuation-in-part of 09/490,860 filed January 24, 2000 now Patent No. 6,382,224, which is a continuation-in-part of 09/131,148 filed

August 7, 1998 now Patent No. 6,041,800, and a continuation-in-part of 09/277,250 filed March 26, 1999 now Patent No. 6,076,312, which is a continuation of 09/025,897 filed February 18, 1998 now Patent No. 5,921,260, and a continuation of 08/823,616 filed March 25, 1997 now Patent No. 5,797,412, and a continuation of 08/604,801 filed February 23, 1996 now Patent No. 5,632,293, and a continuation of 08/279,476 filed July 25, 1994 now Patent No. 5,511,572.

Entry of the following amendments prior to examination of the application is respectfully requested.